

# Local Life Moscow - PDF Guide

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## Upcoming **events** in Moscow



### Unrealized Future

From *Jan 1st 1936* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on

Vozdvizhenka str., 5/25

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## Best rated **restaurants** in Moscow



### Scandinavia

Palashevskiy Malyy Pereulok, 7



### Noah's Ark

Malyy Ivanovskiy Pereulok, 9



### Cafe Pushkin

blv. Tverskoy 26a



### Hard Rock Cafe

ul. Arbat 44



### Tinkoff

per. Protochny 11



### Night Flight

ul. Tverskaya 17



### Moo Moo

ul. Arbat 45/23



### Bosco Cafe

Red Square 3

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## Most popular **pubs & clubs** in Moscow



### Dolls

ul. Krasnaya Presnya 23b



### Night Flight

ul. Tverskaya 17



### Mio

pl. Kaluzhskaya 1



### Piramida

ul. Tverskaya 18a



### Soho Rooms

Savvinskaya Nabereznaya 12|8



### Fabrique

Kosmodamianskaja 2



### The Chinese Pilot

proyezd Lubyansky 25



### Bely Medved

Prospect Mira, 116a

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## Best **hotels** in Moscow



Napoleon Hostel  
📍 Malyy Zlatoustinskiy Pereulok, 2



Radisson Slavyanskaya  
📍 Berezhkovskaya nab 2



Hotel Ukraina  
📍 Kutuzovsky prospekt 2/1



Hotel Leningradskaya  
📍 ul. Kalanchevskaya 21/40



Sweet Moscow Hostel  
📍 ul. Arbat 51



Marriott Grand Hotel  
📍 ul. Tverskaya 26/1



Hotel Metropol  
📍 Teatralny proezd 1/4



Hotel Zarya  
📍 Gostinichnaya 4/9

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## Essential **services** in Moscow



Moscow Fast Dating Club  
📍 old town



Liden & Denz  
📍 Gruzinskiy Pereulok, 3



Expat Salon  
📍 Malyy Patriarshiy Pereulok, 3



American Dental  
📍 ul. 1st Tvesrskaya-Yamskaya 5



US Dental Care  
📍 ul. Bolshaya Dmitrovka 7/5



Estetik  
📍 bul. Nikitsky 12



International SOS  
📍 per. Grokholsky 31



Hertz  
📍 pl.Tverskaya Zastava 2

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## Need some **culture**?



Tretyakov Gallery  
📍 per. Lavrushinsky 10



Kolobov Novaya Opera Theatre  
📍 Karetny Ryad 3 (Hermitage Garden)



Red Square  
📍 Red Square



Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts  
📍 ul. Volkhonka 12



Pushkin House-Museum  
📍 ul. Arbat 53



Bolshoi Theatre  
📍 pl. Teatralnaya 1



Cosmonaut Museum  
📍 Prospekt Mira 111



St. Basil's Cathedral  
📍 Red Square

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# Travel tips

Here are a few things to bear in mind for your trip to Moscow. First of all, be prepared! Moscow is not the easiest place to be a tourist and if you don't take a few simple precautions it can be a miserable experience. The first thing to bear in mind is the weather. If you're going outside the months of May to September you're going to need winter clothing, and if you're going in the heart of winter you're going to need a lot of it! Leaving your [hotel](#) without a hat, scarf, gloves and warm, waterproof shoes (with at least two thick pairs of socks) is foolhardy - if not downright dangerous!

In Russia foreigners are required to always carry their passports with them. Russian police have been known in the past for targeting tourists to check their documents. If yours are all in order they shouldn't bother you, however they may try and fine you anyway (in order to pocket the cash!). Carry the phone number of your embassy with you and threaten to call them and have someone meet you down the police station if necessary. With Moscow keen to improve its reputation as a tourist destination hopefully such practices will soon become extinct.

One thing you must do in order to comply with the insane bureaucracy of the [Russian visa regulations](#) is to register your visa within 3 working days of arrival at the OVIR. If you are staying in a half-decent [hotel](#) or [hostel](#) they will do this for you. Otherwise take a walk to ul. Pokrovka 42, and get it out of the way. The office is open 9-6pm, but closes between 1-2pm for lunch.

Other things to bear in mind are that you can pay the world or next to nothing for pretty much everything in Moscow, so if your pockets aren't as deep as Roman Abramovich's then hunt around. Something you will struggle to avoid paying is special 'foreigner' prices for common expenditures like [museum](#) entry and sometimes even [hotel rooms](#). This is perfectly legal (until recently foreigners had to pay more for plane and train fares too!) so there's no point getting in a huff! Don't forget to post your own Moscow travel tips at the Guardian's [Been There](#) travel guide!

Above: What car does Crystal Waters drive? ...Lada-dee, Lada-da!

Below: Worth the prison sentence? Landing a plane in [Red Square](#)



A final pointer we should impart on the prospective tourist is to accept Moscow for what it is. Once you have got to grips with the intimidating side of the city (which is far more oppressive in the dark and gloom of winter - making summer a better bet for most visitors), you can begin to unravel the unique atmosphere of this wonderful metropolis. It's fun, brash, dynamic, and has a unique and fascinating history that still echoes vividly in the [life of Moscow](#) and Muscovites today.



# Getting around

## By metro

9 million Muscovites can't be wrong - the Metro is the best way for getting around Moscow, especially when it affords you a respite from the Russian winter. Tickets are a snip at 19 roubles, and the organised amongst you can make a further saving by buying in bulk (you can buy tickets for up to 70 journeys). Plan your journey by taking a look at our [map](#).



## By metro

## By taxi

Official taxis can cost a bomb in Moscow, and after taking a ride in one you wouldn't be surprised to hear that your driver was called Boris Korruptikov. There's little point in insisting on using the meter as they can fix the amount per km. Instead look like you are prepared to take the bus and negotiate a price - plus have the right change or you will end up leaving a big tip. Alternatively wave down a comrade for a lift - see our page on [citizen cabs!](#)

## By bus

Buses, trolleybuses and mini-buses offer a slightly less comfortable way of getting around town, and should be used when the metro won't take you where you need to go. Expect plenty of argy-bargy to get in, but once inside admire the reliability with which money changes hands as those at the back pass their roubles to the front for a ticket.

## By tram

There are no trams in the epicentre of Moscow and they tend to be useful only for joining the outer districts of town with the metro system. You can buy a ticket on board or at a kiosk.

## By car

Renting a car isn't prohibitively expensive in Moscow, however the city's ring roads can make the most experienced driver break out into a cold sweat. Apart from dodgy manoeuvres from your fellow drivers, just heading in the right direction can be quite a headache...

## By bus

## By tram



Above: McDonalds

anyone? Left: For getting around town

Below: For getting out of town

